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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman 

DATE: November 26, 2007

SUBJECT: Approval of Michigan History Content Expectations for Fourth Grade

The new Grade Level Content Expectations for Social Studies were adopted by the State Board of Education on October 1, 2007. The approval included a request for the addition of content expectations at grade four that address Michigan history beyond statehood.

Information regarding the topics to be included was gathered from the MSU K-12 rollout on October 3, and draft expectations were placed on the MDE website for public review through the end of October. The attached expectations reflect that input.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the Michigan History Content Expectations for fourth grade, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated November 26, 2007.

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HISTORY**H3 History of Michigan (Beyond Statehood)**

Use historical thinking to understand the past.

- 4 – H3.0.1 Use historical inquiry questions to investigate the development of Michigan's major economic activities (agriculture, mining, manufacturing, logging, tourism, technology, and research) from statehood to present. (C, E)
- What happened?
 - When did it happen?
 - Who was involved?
 - How and why did it happen?
 - How does it relate to other events or issues in the past, in the present, or in the future?
 - What is its significance?
- 4 – H3.0.2 Use primary and secondary sources to explain how migration and immigration affected and continue to affect the growth of Michigan. (G)
- 4 – H3.0.3 Describe how the relationship between the location of natural resources and the location of industries (after 1837) affected and continues to affect the location and growth of Michigan cities. (G, E)
- 4 – H3.0.4 Draw upon stories, photos, artifacts, and other primary sources to compare the life of people in towns and cities in Michigan and in the Great Lakes region during a variety of time periods from 1837 to the present (e.g., 1837-1900, 1900-1950, 1950-2000). (G)
- 4 – H3.0.5 Use visual data and informational text or primary accounts to compare a major Michigan economic activity today with that same or a related activity in the past. (E)
- 4 – H3.0.6 Use a variety of primary and secondary sources to construct a historical narrative about the beginnings of the automobile industry and the labor movement in Michigan. (G, E)
- 4 – H3.0.7 Use case studies or stories to describe the ideas and actions of individuals involved in the Underground Railroad in Michigan and in the Great Lakes region. (See 8-U4.2.2; 8-U4.3.2; 8-U5.1.5; USHG 7.2.4) (G, C, E)
- 4 – H3.0.8 Describe past and current threats to Michigan's natural resources; describe how Michigan worked in the past and continues to work today to protect its natural resources. (G, C, E)
- 4 – H3.0.9 Create timelines (using decades after 1930) to sequence and describe important events in Michigan history; annotate with connections to the past and impact on the future.